

the past several months, I have been working with several of my House colleagues to draft a comprehensive bill that would significantly increase the production and utilization of renewable fuels in this country. The bill, H.R. 5372, is entitled the Bioenergy Innovation, Optional Fuel Utilization, and Energy Legacy (BIOFUEL) Act of 2006.

Throughout this process, one of my colleagues, the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, JIM CLYBURN, was among the most helpful and enthusiastic supporters of this legislation. Prior to introduction of the bill, Chairman CLYBURN had made it clear to my office that he would like to be listed as an original cosponsor when the bill was introduced. Unfortunately, due to an oversight on my part, Mr. CLYBURN's name was not included on the bill as an original cosponsor, as it should have been. His name has since been added to the legislation but I regret this error and I wanted my colleagues to know of his invaluable contribution to the bill and that he should be considered an original cosponsor.

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Women's Health Week. It is during this week that the Office on Women's Health, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, urges women to focus on their health.

It is a time when we need to tell all the women in our lives; our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, aunts and friends how important it is to take time out for their health.

This can be as simple as taking the stairs instead of the elevator, eating healthier or scheduling an appointment with their healthcare provider.

A good relationship with your doctor is so important in maintaining your health. Women need to have conversations with their physicians regarding their family health history and the importance of recommended screening tests.

So, today, Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage all of America's women to take a moment to focus on promoting health and preventing disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES "JIM" MAACK

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James "Jim" Maack, who succumbed to cancer on May 4, 2006.

Jim was a newspaper carrier for the Boulder City News for 24 years, starting off with a small delivery route around Lake Mead Parkway and Van Wagenen Street, he took on larger routes until he was delivering papers to

stands and stores throughout the Henderson and Boulder City area. Jim was a good guy, with a great sense of humor, who always had a smile on his face.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of James "Jim" Maack. He was a very special man who enriched the lives of all he encountered.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER DANIEL SHINN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Daniel Shinn, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Daniel Shinn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. MICHAEL CHARLES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Michael Charles on his 50th Music Anniversary. Born in 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri, his musical road began with singing locally in the Novice Choir at Mariah Walker A.M.E. in 1956. He is known as a "Son of Psalms" and as an individual whose name has become synonymous with excellence in sacred music in many religious circles.

Dr. Charles has sung individually and with various gospel and church groups, locally and across this country. He is fortunate to have performed at the Apollo Theater in New York City, and in many notable venues across our Nation. At one of his unforgettable engagements, Dr. Charles was able to meet and receive advice from the late, great, Mahalia Jackson, the First Lady of Gospel music.

Through his association with various gospel groups, churches, and church related associations, in 1992 the ultimate recognition, an Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Music, was bestowed upon him by the Maryland School of Theology and Theism of Baltimore, Maryland. On a more personal level, I have been honored to have Dr. Charles' expertise as the Minister of Music for Saint James United Methodist Church, of which I am the Senior Pastor. He has shown enormous energy while facilitating our music ministry which consists of

eight singing units, two liturgical dance groups, and a seventeen member music staff. This has lead to the recording of two compact discs, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills," and "A Celebration of Praise."

Dr. Charles composed a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the day after he was assassinated, called "Freedom After While." This composition is sung as the finale each year at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Martin Luther King Celebration in Kansas City, Missouri. It is sung with such feeling and emotion that there is hardly a dry eye in the crowd. I may be biased in my praise of him because he is one of my parishioners, but I am privileged to hear Dr. Charles' music and deeply appreciate the time and care he takes with our congregation. May God continue to bless him and give him inspiration.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Michael Charles for his fifty years of utilizing music as a means to bring people and God together, not only within the boundaries of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District which I represent, but within the United States and the entire global community. He represents the best in all of us. I urge my colleagues of the 109th Congress to please join me in congratulating Dr. Michael Charles on celebrating his 50th Musical Anniversary.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MAYOR ROBERT S. BERNSTEIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a man who exemplifies finest combination of civic consciousness, personal drive, and family responsibility. Robert S. Bernstein, Mayor of the Village of Lake Success, has been a catalyst, providing the means and motivation for the continued progress and success of this community.

Half century ago, Robert began his journey in public service as an Eagle Scout. During his tenure at Adelphi University, the student body elected him president of both his freshman and sophomore classes, and as president of the entire student government as a senior. Parallel with his college education, he joined the United States Naval Reserve, and served on active duty for 27 years, retiring at the rank of full Navy Captain. Since then he has served his community in a variety of different capacities: a member of the North Shore University Hospital Cardiology Leadership Committee, a Trustee and then Deputy Mayor of the Village of Lake Success, President of the Great Neck Village Officials Association, and currently as the Mayor of the Village of Lake Success.

Focusing his attention on his community, Robert has accomplished much to be proud of. As a trustee for the Village, he instituted its first Environment Committee in 1986, to promote clean air and water, as well as the safe enjoyment of the outdoors by keeping public land pesticide-free. As Mayor, he improved the infrastructure of the Village by tearing down an old building and building in its place a new Police Station and Courtroom (that doubles as a summer camp for resident children between the ages of three and six), a Community Center, and extra housing for those in need. Robert will step down from his municipal office,

after years of dedication, to focus his attention on developing emergency and disaster procedures, and continuing his focus on environmental issues affecting his community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize such an accomplished individual and commend Mayor Robert Bernstein for his years of dedicated service. On behalf of his wife, three children, two grandchildren, and the Village of Lake Success, I ask the whole House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mayor Robert S. Bernstein, and wishing him many years of happiness and good health as he celebrates his well deserved retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR
HAL ROTHMAN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor Hal Rothman, who has recently received the President's Medal which is the highest honor awarded by the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Professor Rothman was selected for this honor based on the recommendation of a University Committee. The honor is granted only after serious consideration of a highly select group of faculty, and awardees must have demonstrated extraordinary qualities both as teachers and scholars and must have achieved national and international recognition in their fields of study.

Professor Rothman joined UNLV's department of history in 1992 and served as chair from 2002–2005. During his tenure, Professor Rothman received numerous awards for his scholarship, teaching and contributions to the academic environment in Las Vegas, including the Marjorie Barrick Distinguished Scholar Award, the Harry Reid Silver State Research Award, and the Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award. Professor Rothman is also a prolific author and has published numerous books and articles on a variety of topics, including tourism in the Western U.S., Las Vegas history, and the environment. He has won five prizes for his books and been named to the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. Professor Rothman is considered one of the Nation's leading experts on tourism and post-industrial economies.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Professor Hal Rothman for his receipt of the University of Las Vegas President's Award. His demonstrated academic excellence and skillful tutelage have greatly enriched the academic caliber of the University and the quality of education for the students. I congratulate him for receiving this distinguished award and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN MATTHEW LEONE FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan Matthew Leone, a very

special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jonathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned the numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan Matthew Leone for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MRS. PINKIE HARDY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Pinkie Hardy of Eunice, Louisiana on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Born May 19, 1916 in Washington, Louisiana, Mrs. Pinkie and her family moved to Eunice when she was just two years old. A self-educated woman, Mrs. Pinkie attended school until the seventh grade. During the years of the segregated south, African American children did not have a high school to attend in smaller communities like Eunice, and if their parents could not afford to send them to larger towns for a high school education, their schooling was limited to an elementary education. Despite this obstacle, as a girl Mrs. Pinkie developed a love for reading that has stayed with her ever since with the Bible being among her favorite things to read.

Mrs. Pinkie married Herman Hardy in 1936. Together, the couple had seven children and one stepson. They were married for 43 years until he passed away in 1979. During most of those years, Herman worked in the dry cleaning business and Mrs. Pinkie worked in food services at Charles Drew High School, which became Central Middle School when the local high schools were integrated in 1969. She continued to work there until she retired from the Louisiana school system in 1980. Mrs. Pinkie's children are now living and working in various states across the country, and many of them are now retired and pursuing second careers. She has 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, and has always encouraged and stressed the importance of education and independence to all her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Pinkie was and still is active in her church and community. A devout Catholic, she was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers in Eunice, and in 2002 received the Bishop's Medal from the Diocese of Lafayette for her achievements. She also served as State Deputy for the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies' Auxiliary, and was honored with an award for 50 years of service. In 1987, Mrs. Pinkie was presented with the Martin Luther King Jr. Award and in 1990, she was honored as Mother of the Year. Furthermore, in February 2005, she was presented with the "Woman Who Made a Difference" Award from the National Association of University Women. In ad-

dition, she has served as President of the Legion of Mary and St. Mathilda School Parent Teacher Association.

In her lifetime, Mrs. Pinkie has witnessed and made a great deal of history, living through some of the most tumultuous periods in our country's history, particularly in the years before and during the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout that time she has been a leader in her community and her family, providing wisdom and direction to all who know her.

One of her sons is married to my sister, so I know firsthand what a strong, caring, unique and inspirational woman Mrs. Pinkie is. As the leader and matriarch of her family, Mrs. Pinkie is who everybody turns to. She is the voice of reason and compassion for all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, her church community and her friends, and continues to be a bright light we all look to for guidance.

Today, the friends and family of Mrs. Pinkie Hardy come together to celebrate the 90 incredible years during which we have been blessed to have her in our lives and the lives of our loved ones. On this very special day, I join all of them and the entire Eunice community in congratulating Mrs. Pinkie on this wonderful occasion, and in saluting her for her many years of service, leadership and dedication to helping others in her family and her community.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD COSGROVE WHO WAS AWARDED AN
HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE
BY KINGS COLLEGE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Richard B. Cosgrove, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, who was recently presented with an honorary doctorate degree from King's College.

Mr. Cosgrove enjoys a reputation as the dean of local journalists in Northeastern Pennsylvania. After graduating from St. John the Evangelist High School in Pittston in 1941, he joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader in January, 1943. He later joined the staff of the Pittston Dispatch in 1947 in time for the publication of their very first edition on February 9.

Mr. Cosgrove continued his newspaper career with the Pittston Dispatch until the summer of 2000 when he joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice as a correspondent, a position he continues to hold. He also served for several years as a local correspondent for the Scranton Tribune.

Richard is a son of the late George and Elizabeth Healy Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove's wife, the former Mary Neary, died in April, 1981. Their union was blessed with two sons, George B. Cosgrove, principal of the Pittston Area Middle School and Joseph M. Cosgrove, a practicing attorney in Luzerne County. His family also includes two granddaughters, Jill, a nurse at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital and Mary Ann, a drug and alcohol counselor in Scranton.